# Research First Before Dividing Property!

Except for those lots which may be dedicated (by deed, gift or otherwise) to members of the family of the property owner, any land or lot within a plat of record (or not) on the effective date of this ordinance shall not be redivided into two (2) or more lots unless the provisions of the Subdivision Regulation of Santa Rosa County, Florida have been met.

The dividing of a parcel in the Agriculture2 (AG2) zoning district, resulting in a parcel which does not possess the required road frontage, may be approved by the Community Planning, Zoning & Development Division with the following provisions:

- a. The divided land shall only be given without valuable consideration to a member of the donor's immediate family. (Immediate family being defined as a spouse, father, mother, brother, sister, son, daughter, stepchild, grandchild, or grandparent.)
- b. Property being divided shall not be located within a recorded, platted subdivision.
- c. The maximum allowable density of the parcel created shall not exceed the allowable density of one dwelling unit per 15 acres.
- d. Except for street frontage and that which is herein contained, all other requirements of this ordinance shall be adhered to.
- e. An easement maintenance agreement between property owners is required or; an access easement (minimum width 20 ft.) must be included in each newly created deed or legal description.

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- f. No new County maintained roads are created.
- 2. The dividing of a parent parcel in the Agriculture2 (AG2) zoning district, resulting in a parcel(s) which will not possess the required road frontage, may be permitted by the Community Planning, Zoning & Development Division with the following provisions. A parent parcel is defined as those lots of record as of adoption of this ordinance. A parent parcel may be subdivided with the following provisions:
- a. A parent parcel may only be subdivided to create a maximum of three (3) new lots which do not meet minimum road frontage requirements. The three new lots will include the remainder of the parent parcel if road frontage requirements cannot be met;
- b. No new County maintained roads are created;
- c. An easement maintenance agreement between property owners is required; or an access easement (minimum width 20 ft.) must be included in each newly created deed or legal description;
- d. Property being divided shall not be located within a recorded platted subdivision;
- e. The maximum allowable density of the parcel created shall not exceed the allowable density of one dwelling unit per 25 acres; and,
- f. Except for street frontage and that which is herein contained, all other requirements of the Land Development Code shall be adhered to.

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# AGRICULTURE (AG2) ZONING DISTRICT

(EFFECTIVE APRIL 1, 2004)

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The information provided in this brochure is extracted from the Santa Rosa County Land Development Code; however, it is the responsibility of the applicant to contact the Planning and Zoning Division to discuss land use issues when a change is desired. This brochure is only to be used as an overall help tool for the general public.

Note: Land Development Code is subject to change.

## **Purpose**

This district is designed to provide suitable areas for agricultural and silviculture endeavors. This district will be characterized by relatively large parcels of land being devoted to the production of food or fiber. This district also may include single family detached structures and, as specifically provided for in these regulations conditional uses for community facilities and utilities which service specifically the residents of this district, or which are benefited by and compatible with the agricultural activities extant within the district and the farming environment. Such facilities should be accessibly located and appropriately situated in order to satisfy special requirements of the respective community facilities while protecting the agricultural productivity of the surrounding lands. It is the express purpose of this section to exclude from this district all buildings or other structures and uses having commercial characteristics whether operated for profit or othewise, except those home occupations and conditional uses specifically provided for in this ordinance and the commercial activities associated with the farming environment.

#### Permitted Uses

In this district as a permitted use a building or premises may be used only for the following purposes: Detached single-family residential structures and mobile homes. Accessory structures and facilities and uses customarily found on farms and used expressly for activities conducted in connection with farming operations, commercial and non-commercial agriculture, poultry, horse and livestock raising, provided all buildings for such accessory uses meet setback requirements for primary buildings.

### Density

- 1. For residential development, property may be developed at the option of the owner, to a maximum of one (1) dwelling unit per fifteen (15) acres. Computation of density shall be accomplished by including the acreage in the total parcel and subtracting from such acreage the number of dwelling units built or to be built with the resultant total not exceeding one (1) unit per fifteen (15) acres.
- 2. On any parcel in this district, property owners may deed one (1) acre parcels to members of the property owners family so as to provide affordable housing for farm worker households and farm workers.
- 3. On parcels of twenty (20) acres or more, clustering of dwelling units shall be allowed and encouraged. Whenever practical, dwelling units built in this district shall be clustered so as to maximize the use of existing or planned infrastructure facilities and minimize the impact on the agricultural environment.

#### Lot Size

The minimum width of any lot used for single family dwelling units shall be seventy (70) feet when measured at the minimum front setback line (front yard). The minimum lot width shall be maintained through the rear of the residential structure. The minimum width at the street right of way shall not be less than fifty (50) feet. The minimum area for a lot shall be fifteen (15) acres. The minimum lot width may be reduced on dead end cul-de-sac lots. In no case shall a lot width be less than fifty (50) feet when measured at the top of the arch of the street right of way line. The lot width of a cul-de-sac lot shall not be less than seventy (70) feet when measured at the top of the arc of the minimum front setback line. The minimum lot width shall be maintained through the rear of the residential structure

#### Yard Restrictions

Front Yard: Except as provided in Section 2.10.03 of the Land Development Code, there shall be a front yard on every lot of not less than twenty-five (25) feet. However, if the parcel abuts a major arterial, the minimum setback shall be fifty (50) feet.

Side Yard: There shall be a side yard on each side of every main building of not less than ten (10) percent of the lot width when measured at the minimum front setback line to a maximum of fifteen (15) feet. For irregularly shaped lots and lots fronting on cul-de-sacs and curves, the side yard shall be ten (10) percent of the average of the street frontage width and the rear lot line length. Other modifications shall be in accordance with Section 2.10.05 of the Land Development Code.

Rear Yard: There shall be a rear yard on every lot of not less than twenty-five (25) feet, except as provided in Section 2.10.04 of the Land Development Code.

## Skirting

Skirting is required around the base of all mobile homes between the ground and bottom of the structure.